

# City College News

GEORGE BROWN COLLEGE

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## George Brown, Toronto Board working together

Ena Lewis is a George Brown student who never sets foot on one of the College's campuses.

In fact, the 48-year-old former nursing assistant spends her days studying in a Toronto Board of Education building on Danforth Avenue that overlooks the Don Valley Parkway.

"Here it's quiet and you concentrate a lot," she says.

Lewis is a student at the Adult Basic Education Centre where she's doing some academic upgrading that will qualify her to take a registered nursing assistant program.

She's also an example of the increasingly complex ties between the Toronto Board of Education and George Brown.

The Centre — one of two in the city — is a four-year-old project of the Board and the College, and is perhaps the best example of co-operation between the two institutions.

Though Lewis will do all her studying at the former high school building at 1 Danforth Ave., she is officially enrolled in the basic Training for Skills Development (BTSD) program at Casa Loma. And though most of her teachers there are Board employees, one of them — Don Feldman — is a seconded George Brown instructor.

### Cultivated

Academic Vice-President Howell Prichard says the College has carefully cultivated the relationship between George Brown and the Board over the last few years — a relationship that is now bearing fruit in a number of co-operative projects that are using George Brown staff members, increasing College enrolment, and saving money.

Current examples of co-operation include:

- College staff have been seconded to work at two adult basic education centres (the second centre is in West Park Secondary School at the intersection of Bloor and Dundas Streets) and at the Student Career and Placement Centre at 1 Danforth Ave.

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Photo: Neil McCallum

*Electronics instructor Glenn Fraser (left) and Business instructor Toivo Teng used the satellite dish on the roof of St. James to show a seminar held in Dallas, Texas to business students.*

## Satellite seminar travels 23,000 miles

Business students couldn't go to a recent seminar in Dallas, Texas, so the seminar came to them — via satellite.

It travelled more than 23,000 miles from a satellite in stationary orbit over the equator to a receiver dish mounted on the roof of the St. James Campus.

The 7-hour seminar — on artificial intelligence — came in both loud and clear to students watching a television monitor on the campus's fourth floor because of a fibre-optic connection to the dish.

The broadcast, organized by instructors Glenn Fraser of the Business Division and Toivo Teng of the Electro-Mechanical Division, was the first time that the 10-foot commercial dish had been put to use.

Now that it is up and running it will be used to teach satellite and micro-wave technology to Electronics students, and can be used to pick up educational programs for all Divisions, Teng says.

Currently the dish can pick up more than 500 channels from the 12 satellites circling over the Americas, he says.

Both Teng and Fraser say that satellite transmission and tele-conferencing will become more important in both the business and electronic worlds.

Satellite transmission is much faster than other means, and can reach receivers simultaneously over a wide area, says Fraser.

## Sorbara to speak

Colleges and Universities Minister the Hon. Gregory Sorbara will be guest speaker at a one-day conference at George Brown on April 26. Sponsored by the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee, the Conference — called Paths to Employment — will cover topics such as co-op and community training, entrepreneurship and the needs of special groups.

# An important new Ministry



## Comment by Doug Light

Until recently, George Brown — and all community colleges — dealt almost exclusively with the provincial Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

The Ministry approved most of the programs that George Brown offered, provided a large proportion of our revenue, and had a great effect on the development and direction of the College.

That simple situation changed in March, 1985 when the provincial government created the Ministry of Skills Development.

Skills Development was created out of a number of parts of different ministries including the Skills Training Branch of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, the Youth Secretariat, the Manpower Commission of the Ministry of Labour, and the Ontario Youth Fund of the Treasury.

As these names suggest, the new Ministry has a wide-ranging mandate in the field of employment-related training. Its creation is recognition by the provincial government of the importance of a skilled and adaptable workforce to Onta-

rio's economy in an era of rapid technological and structural change.

The Ministry of Skills Development is now responsible for a significant amount of George Brown's educational activity including government-sponsored retraining, apprenticeship, and Futures programs, and Training in Business and Industry (TIBI) grants.

But the shift of these programs from one Ministry to another is much more than in name.

The new Ministry is committed to tailoring training to the specific needs of Ontario's industry — including giving industry a greater voice in assigning training and allowing more industries to train their own workers.

One strategy of the new Ministry gives new importance to the community industrial training committees (CITC). These groups, which include representatives of local industries, will not only advise the government on training, but will now start to make decisions in this area.

George Brown has had an excellent working relationship with Toronto's CITC — called the Toronto Advisory Committee on Employment Training (TACET) — and it is expected that this will continue in the future.

The creation of the Ministry of Skills Development is an important step for Ontario. It's crucial that we appreciate its goals and respond to its initiatives with effective and appropriate action.

Director of Education of the Board. "We are always being sensitive to new opportunities for co-operation."

One of the long term benefits of the relationship with the Board — and one that the College is already enjoying — is increased enrolment in full-time programs, Pritchard says.

The adult education centres qualify students to pursue college programs, and a number of students have already chosen to come to George Brown, he said.

Co-ordinating curriculum with the Board to allow graduating high school students advanced standing in post-secondary college programs will also increase enrolment.

George Brown needs to increase the proportion of College-bound students from City of Toronto schools who choose to come here rather than go elsewhere, he said.

"We've got to increase our (student) share from Toronto schools."



*This party outfit designed by first year fashion student Teresa Tropea was featured in the annual fashion show that took place before Christmas. "I'll be wearing it for New Year's," she said.*

Photo: Frances Mak

## Sykes and Layton confirmed in jobs

Malcolm Sykes and Sally Layton have been confirmed in their respective positions as Director of Student Services and Director of Personnel.

Both Sykes and Layton had been Acting Directors in their new positions since August 1985.

Sykes is the former Director of Personnel and Layton is the former Associate Director.

Sykes, who is 58, joined the College in 1959 as a teacher of drafting and structural steel design. He became Vice-Principal in 1966 after three years of teaching at other institutions, and has subsequently been Principal of Casa Loma, Kensington and St. James Campuses and Dean of Staff Development. In 1981 he was named Director of Personnel.

Layton, who is 35, joined the College in 1980 as Assistant to the Dean of the Health Sciences Division. In 1981 she was named Personnel Officer and was made Associate Director in 1984.



## Working together

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- Students in George Brown's Futures program at 489 Queen St. E. use Board of Education computers that contain Control Data's Plato learning system.

- A small number of students registered in George Brown upgrading programs are studying at adult basic education centres.

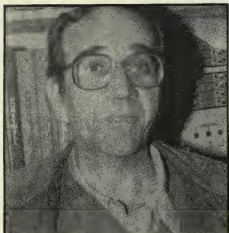
- The Toronto Board is offering courses — primarily in business subjects — that allow students advanced standing in George Brown post-secondary programs.

### Integration

"It makes sense to integrate as much as we can the secondary and post-secondary educational systems," says Pritchard.

Board officials are also positive about the co-operation.

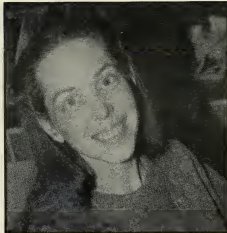
"We have developed a working relationship that is unequalled in the province," says Dr. Edward McKeown,



Angelo Morfetas: "I started coughing and said, 'that's it!'"



Margaret Barron: "Our celebration will be a big dinner."



Kay Kaszuba: "I have to live the whole year."

Photos: Neil McGinnis

## New Year's is resolution time for many at College

Angelo Morfetas tried a few ways to stop smoking.

A couple of years ago the Casa Loma maintenance worker switched to a brand that was lighter in tar and nicotine. Then he started using a little cigarette holder that has a filter inside. But the last straw came on January 1.

"I started coughing and said 'That's it.'"

Morfetas hasn't touched a cigarette since that fateful moment and has resolved not to smoke for all of 1986.

"No problem," he says.

His co-workers at 146 Kendal Ave. question his resolve, but he remains unshakeable.

"I won't smoke for a year."

Morfetas chose the most popular time of the year for making resolutions, and in doing so he joins other George Brown staff members who have decided that New Year's was the right time for a change.

Some resolutions are inspired by the excesses of the festive season.

"We had so much to eat around here before Christmas that we had to do something in the New Year," says Margaret Barron, secretary to Director of Campuses Dave Fraser.

Barron and six other staff members ("three support staff, one chairman, and two teachers"), who wish to remain anonymous, have decided to lose a minimum of ten pounds each by the end of June.

"We're going to check the waistlines," Barron says.

Successful members of the reducing group will gather for a big dinner to celebrate their loss, she says.

Nightingale library technician Irma Bain has a similar goal in mind.

"I've resolved to lose 12 pounds in '86. I've been trying to lose 12 pounds for years. I love chocolate—that's my downfall."

Some resolutions are related to work.

"I've resolved to keep 222s in the office," says Community Services receptionist Joanne Franks. "I've got a headache and I forgot to bring some from home."

Language Training chairman Marsha Allen has decided she needs a change of scene — at night.

"I've resolved to stop having dreams about SCHs (student contact hours) — they're nightmares. I think I'd like to switch to sheep instead."

Some New Year's resolutions are more universal.

"I've resolved to live until I'm 50," says Pattern Drafting Teacher Kay Kaszuba. "That means I have to live the whole year."

College Street English Teacher Ed Kuntz pooh-poohed the idea of designating New Year's as the time for personal decisions.

"We make resolutions all year long. This New Year I've resolved not to make any resolutions."

**Jan. 16—** Lecture: *Blocks to Student Learning*, 4-6 p.m., Casa Loma Campus, Room C419. All welcome. Sponsored by the Staff Development Office.

**Jan. 17—** Seminar: *Home computers — hype or help?*, noon-2 p.m., St. James Campus. Call Yvette Jones (ext. 3294) for details.

**Jan. 21—** Faculty seminar: *Interpersonal Skills*, noon-2 p.m., Casa Loma. Call Yvette Jones (ext. 3294) for details.

**Jan. 22—** General meeting of the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee. Contact June Kingshott (ext. 2217) for time and location.

—Staff volleyball, 4-5 p.m., Casa Loma Gym. All welcome.

—Men's Basketball, vs. Fanshawe College, 8 p.m., St. James Gymnasium.

**Jan. 23—** Victor DiBello and the Pro

## Events

Arte Orchestra will present a concert of classical music in the atrium of the St. James Campus from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Jan. 28—** Blood donor clinic, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., St. James atrium.

**Jan. 29—** Support staff seminar: *Fabric Facts*, noon-1 p.m., Casa Loma, Room TBA. Contact Yvette Jones (ext. 3294) for details.

—Men's Basketball, vs. Mohawk College, 8 p.m., St. James Gymnasium.

**Jan. 30—** Seminar for administrators: *Critical Thinking*, Led by Dr. Ralph Johnson, Chairman of Philosophy at the University of Windsor, MacPherson boardroom, 1-2:30 p.m. Call Yvette Jones (ext. 3294) to register.

**Feb. 1—** Women's volleyball tournament, St. James Gymnasium. Contact Athletics (ext. 3280) for details.

**Feb. 11—** Support staff seminar: *A Bid for Peace* — Maria DeNotaris shows slides from her recent trip to Japan, noon-1 p.m., St. James, Room TBA. Contact Yvette Jones (ext. 3294) for details.

**Feb. 12—** Basketball doubleheader in the St. James Gym — George Brown women vs. Mohawk College, 6 p.m., George Brown men vs. Centennial College, 8 p.m.

—Support staff seminar: *A Bid for Peace*, Casa Loma, see Feb. 11 for details.

**Feb. 18—** Faculty seminar: *Legal issues in the classroom*, 4-6 p.m., Casa Loma, Room C419. Contact Yvette Jones (ext. 3294) for details.

# Names in the News

**Loreen Miskevich** of the Computer Services Department has been seconded one day a week to work on the third-phase of the College's Management Development program for women. The phase — which is open to all female employees — involves a 24-hour management program in March and April. Contact Miskevich at ext. 2369 for more information.

Nightingale Campus Manager **Dorothy Deaton** has left her position to return to her original profession — nursing. Deaton has returned to her previous post as a nurse in the College's Health Centre, this time at Kensington. Taking her job is College Street Manager **Ron Swentiski**. Kensington Campus Manager **Al Cockburn** will take responsibility for College Street as well.

College Comptroller **Joe Peterson** has announced that he is leaving George Brown to become Director of Finance for St. Peter's Hospital in Hamilton. Peterson joined George Brown in his present position in February, 1984.

The pressure is now on Hospitality instructor **Theo Lennartz** who has been appointed kitchen manager for the international culinary Team Canada. The team is preparing to defend the first place position it won in the 1984 Culinary Olympics when the competition rolls around again in 1988. The kitchen manager co-ordinates the frantic activity in the team kitchens during the week-long competition.

Bookstore Manager **Pat Meany** has been re-elected as Trustee of the Peel-Dufferin Separate School Board. He has served on the Board for 12 years. He is also a Director of the Ontario Separate School Association.

**Scott Wilkinson** of the Nightingale library has left the College for a month to study classical guitar in Havana with Cuban master **Leo Brouwer**. Wilkinson studied music at the University of Toronto and has had his compositions performed in Toronto. How's his Spanish? "I've been cramming it," he said shortly before his trip south. Brouwer is also Cuba's Minister of Culture.



*Graphic Design instructor Bill Southern illustrated the recently issued stamp commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Navy. It features a gunner's mate from the Navy's first ship, the HMCS Niobe, a World War II officer in a duffel coat and a woman in contemporary white dress uniform.*

Nassau Street may seem like an unlikely spot to start a four-month trip to France, but for at least one hospitality student it's a direct route, according to **Ellen deBoer**. A new scholarship sponsored by the International Foodservice Editorial Council will send a student to study cooking in Paris, apprentice in a restaurant, and tour the country starting in May, she says.

In other hospitality news, former George Brown apprentices won the first three prizes in a competition sponsored by the Ontario Pork Producers Marketing Board. First prize winner **Robin Ray** won a trip with the Canadian Culinary Team to a competition in Luxembourg.

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Murder at a community college! A lot of people may talk about it, but Georgian College is taking the initiative and staging one at their Kempenfelt Conference Centre on the weekend of March 14-16. You can be one of 50 college-system detectives who pay \$175 for a weekend in the country and a crack at solving the crime. Call **Janet Taylor** at 1-800-461-9696.

What Toronto needs is a good Nepalese restaurant. This is the collective conclusion of **Shamvu Bhattara**, **Gopal Sharma**, and **Ram Prasad Manandhar**, three professors from the University of Katmandu, who are spending a few months at George Brown learning some new teaching techniques. Orienting the trio to the town is former Upgrading Chairman **John Muma**, who was persuaded to temporarily leave retirement to take on the project.

The Personnel Office has told us of the following staff changes:

A new faculty member in the Civil Engineering Department of the Architectural Technology Division at Casa Loma is **Lori Burns**.

New support staff appointments include: **AnnJeanette Holliday** in the Futures Program of the Industrial Training Division; **Jackie Ramo** in the Academic Division at Kensington; **Salvatore Randazzo** in the caretaking department at St. James; and **Margaret Thompson** in the Finance Department at MacPherson.

Internal transfers include: **Bernard Andrews**, who has gone from the Electro-Mechanical Division at Casa Loma to a position with the Industrial Training Division at Adelaide Street; **Maureen Currie**, who has left the Business Division for a position with the Industrial Training Division at Adelaide Street; **Murray Goodfellow**, who has left the Architectural Division at Casa Loma to join the Industrial Training Division; and **Lynn McNeil-Smith**, who has gone from a support position with the Futures program to one with the Health Sciences Division at St. James.

**Donald Wright** of the Finance Department at MacPherson has been promoted to be accountant for the student administrative council.

Leaving the College are **Barry Hall** and **David Noah**.